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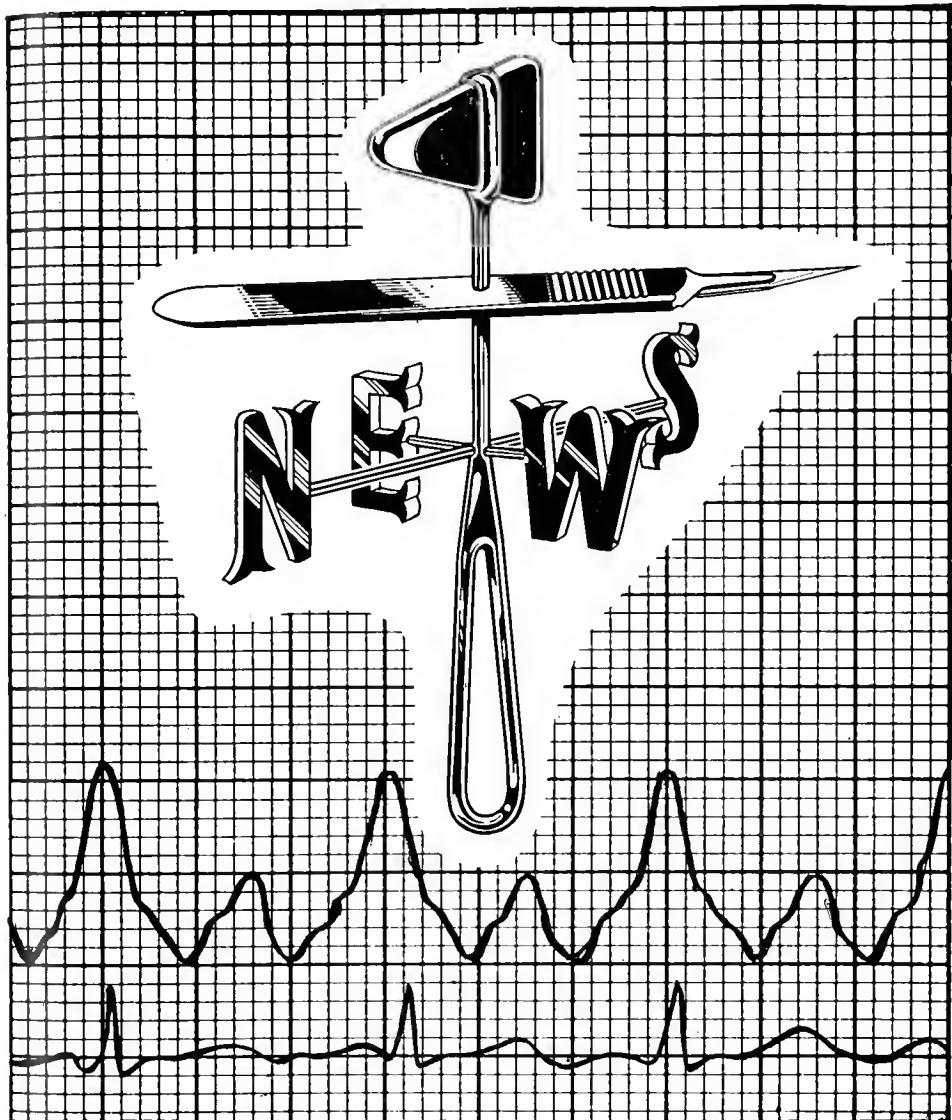
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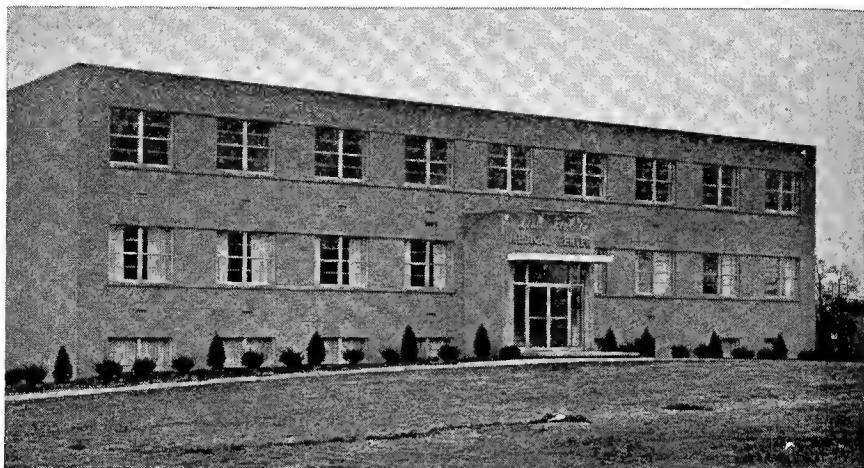
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From the Desk of the President

"WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR THE POOR?"

Among some of the numerous criticisms leveled at the medical profession in the recent past has been the one summed up by the question, "What is the profession doing for the poor NOW?" The answer is just as simple in view of the fact that the medical profession is still and has never stopped taking care of the poor, what with physician attendance at numerous free clinics, hospital in-patient charity wards, as well as making free house calls and office visits for the poor, and participating in numerous government programs of reduced fees for medical care for indigent people. One must also include as charity the monumental sums of unpaid and never paid bills that hundreds of thousands of patients owe to physicians. The ultimate in caring for the poor, of course, are the many physician missionaries going from this and other affluent countries to the poorer areas of the world, an example of which is the current A.M.A. program of sending physicians to Vietnam.

But, even as many of us realize this is not enough to care for all of the poor, and were we with tremendous effort to improve medical care for the poor a hundredfold, the basic problem would be far from being solved.

The basic problem is political and the blame for not solving it must be placed on government's doorstep! The good that is accomplished in curing the poor of their malnutrition, avitaminosis, pneumonias, tuberculosis, meningitis, pyelitis, etc., is only temporary. It is only temporary because if the patients are sent back to their rat-infested substandard housing with inadequate water, heating, cooking and plumbing facilities, many of the ills will return in a short time. With few or no good jobs available to the uneducated poor, little can be done by these people to help themselves purchase the materials and the services that they so vitally need. Certainly, it would be better for the entire community if the disadvantaged poor could find adequate jobs and pay for all their wants, meanwhile being able to maintain their self respect as good citizens and productive members of the community. Many times, some of the reasons for inadequate jobs or no jobs are the result of discrimination because of race, creed or color.

These are the problems that our politicians must solve if we are to really help the poor. Good medical care is only a stop-gap measure. True solutions consist of more and better jobs, better and more housing, more and better schools at all levels, more teachers, more and better recreation facilities, etc. for the poor. The medical profession will continue to care for the poor, as always, but in all fairness, cannot be expected to solve the more basic and primary problems, which are the responsibility of government. Until these more primitive issues are taken care of, medical care of the poor will only be a temporary measure of putting a nicer face on a deeper social hurt.

—Joseph W. Tandatnick, M.D.
President

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Editorial

"AND THEY CALLED IT POT"

The evening was clear and calm. Inside, the personnel of the emergency room were carrying on their routine duties. Suddenly a group of excited teenagers appeared with a limp body. In their agitated state, the only words they could utter were, "Do something! Help him!"

The patient, on examination, was unresponsive, respirations were slow and shallow and his pupils were pinpoint and unreactive. Again the teenagers demanded immediate help for their companion, but somehow no one, on questioning, knew anything that would help the patient.

The scene just described is one which is becoming more and more frequent in our hospital emergency rooms. After considerable questioning it is learned that the patient has received an overdose of narcotic, usually heroin or "Smacks" as it is commonly referred to by the teen-ager.

When one is in a position to see a nearly dead youth with multiple small puncture wounds on his fore arms near the venous channels, it is only then that one realizes that the narcotic situation in our community is much more acute than originally thought. In fact, upon questioning the youths, it is usually learned that they had started on marijuana and found this to be too mild so they switched to something stronger.

Is heroin dangerous? I believe we all know the answer to this. What about marijuana, or Pot as it's called? Is it dangerous—What are the effects of this hallucinogenic agent? The symptoms seem to vary, depending upon the make-up of the individual. It might make him drunk, confused, fearful, with a sense of panic and even depression. Some become paranoid with definite personality changes. Others have a sense of well being and increased self confidence. It also increases appetite. Because of the confusion of its effects, many so called authorities, such as certain anthropologists, feel that marijuana is not harmful and should be permitted to be enjoyed by all over the age of sixteen.

If our adolescent population is similar to that of New York City, then it can be said that, of all adolescents arrested for marijuana possession, 40% went on to use heroin—and that certainly is a lot of Pot.

DR. DLUHY IS NOVEMBER SPEAKER

Robert G. Dluhy, M.D., speaker for the November 18th meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society will talk on renin-aldosterone access in essential hypertension, Cushing's disease, and primary aldosteronism. Dr. Dluhy is Acting Director of the Endocrine-Metabolic Unit at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital. He has been a Postdoctoral Fellow with the Unit since 1967. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and the American Federation for Clinical Research.

Members and wives, and members and wives of the Mahoning County Osteopathic Medical Society have been invited to attend the meeting. Social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 and Dr. Dluhy will speak at 7:30 p.m. Cost for the dinner, which is at the Mural Room, will be \$5.00 per person. Reservations may be made at the Medical Society office.

Important business following the talk will be nomination of officers for 1970. The Nominating Committee will make its report at that time.

MEDICAL SCHOOL STUDY PUBLISHED

A summary of the Booz, Allen and Hamilton feasibility study for a medical school in Youngstown has been published and is available at the Medical Society office.

The purpose of the publication is to have the summary ready in sufficient quantity to get a copy into the hands of legislators, regents, and others who will have a voice in placing Ohio's fifth medical school.

The summary refutes Gov. Rhodes' recent statements to the effect that some other area might be a better place for a medical school.

Physician's desiring a copy of the medical school study may have one by phoning the Medical Society office. The study was published under the supervision of the Medical School Committee. The committee consists of: Dr. L. P. Caccamo, chairman, Dr. W. D. Loeser, Dr. Ed Kessler, Dr. R. L. Jenkins, Dr. R. B. McConnell, Dr. Asher Randell, Dr. E. T. Saadi, Dr. A. A. Detesco, Dr. S. V. Squicquero, Dr. Charles Waltner, Dr. R. D. Murray and Dr. R. A. Wiltsie.

WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

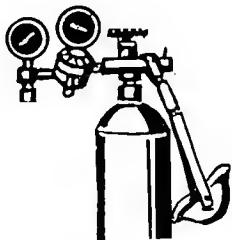
The Constitution and By-laws of the Mahoning County Medical Society states: "No member shall be eligible for nomination or election to the office of President-elect unless said member shall have served for at least two years, consecutively or intermittently, as a member of Council, or shall have been a duly elected delegate from the Mahoning County Medical Society to the Ohio State Medical Association for a like period of time."

In accordance with the constitution, the following members are eligible for nomination to the office of President-elect:

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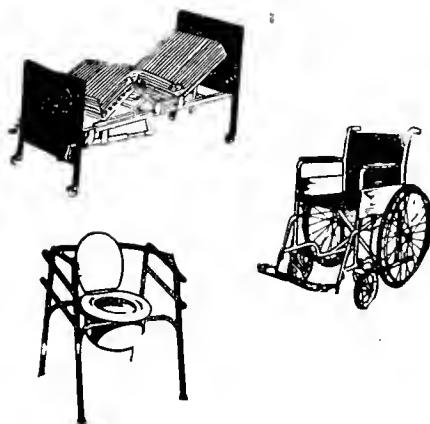
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RUBELLA VACCINE PROGRAM PLANNED

Plans are being made for a Rubella Vaccine program for school children of Mahoning County, to be held in January, 1970. A motion approving the principle of a mass Rubella Vaccine program was passed by the Mahoning County Medical Society at the October 21st meeting.

Dr. Kurt Wegner is chairman for the campaign. He was also chairman of the polio campaign of 1961-62 and of the measles campaign of 1967. A committee and campaign plans will be announced.

DIABETES TESTS AND DRUG SAMPLES

Diabetes Week, which is held nationally November 16-22 this year, has come to have a dual meaning to Mahoning County physicians. First, of course, it is a week during which doctors call attention to the disease by giving free diabetes tests to anyone coming to their office. Secondly, it is a time when the doctor can gather together his unused drug samples and contribute them to the Auxiliary's program for World Relief.

Ladies from the Auxiliary, who have always made the distribution of diabetes testing material and informational brochures and posters, now pick up the drug samples at the same time they deliver Diabetes Week material.

Chairman for Diabetes Week activities for the Auxiliary is Mrs. Jose Gonzalez. Diabetes Week chairman for the Medical Society is Dr. S. F. Gaylord.

Physicians are reminded to keep a record of diabetes tests and to report the number of total tests and the number of new positives to the medical society office on the form provided. The reports are then compiled and a total report for Mahoning County is sent to the American Diabetes Association.

November 16

F. J. Kocab

November 17

J. J. Turner

November 18

H. N. Bennett

F. R. D'Amato

A. T. Deramo

November 19

M. I. Berkson

November 20

E. C. Baker

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November 27

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November 28

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NOVEMBER 10TH THROUGH DECEMBER 15TH

Nov. 10	9:00 a.m.	Dr. Jensen, Hematology, Aud., St. E.
	4:00 p.m.	Medical Seminar, "Thyroid Hyperfunction, Diffuse and Nodular," Drs. C. H. McGowen & P. C. Patel, Aud., YHA
Nov. 11	6:30 p.m.	Council, Mahoning County Medical Society, Mural Room
	7:30 p.m.	Dental Section Meeting, Aud., St. E.
Nov. 12	8:00 a.m.	Tumor Conference, Aud., St. E.
	9:30 a.m.	V.P., Dr. Larry Carey, Surgery, Aud., St. E.
	5:00 p.m.	Surgery Lecture Series, Aud., YHA
Nov. 13	7:30 a.m.	Surgical Div. Meeting, YHA
	8:00 a.m.	Div. Meetings, Med., Ped., OB, YHA
	8:00 a.m.	Tumor Reg., St. E.
	9:30 a.m.	V.P., Dr. Larry Carey, Surgery, St. E.
Nov. 15	8:00 a.m.	Tumor Conf., Nurses Classroom, N.U., YHA
Nov. 18	6:30 p.m.	Mahoning County Medical Society, Mural Room
Nov. 19	8:30 a.m.	Infections Control Meeting, Aud., St. E.
	5:00 p.m.	Surgical Lecture Series, Aud., YHA
Nov. 20	7:30 a.m.	Surgical Div. Meeting, Nurses Aud., S.U., YHA
	8:00 a.m.	Med. Div. Mtg., Gerald Rodnan, M.D., Rheumatologist, U. of Pitt., Aud., YHA
	8:00 a.m.	OB Div., Dr. R. M. Roth, "Education," N. U., YHA
	8:00 a.m.	Peds., 4W, S.U., YHA
	8:00 a.m.	CPC, Aud., St. E.
	9:00 a.m.	Tumor Conference, Aud., St. E.
	9:30 a.m.	V.P., OB-GYN, Dr. L. Ballard, Aud., St. E.
	1:00 p.m.	V.P., Med., Dr. A. Shapiro, Aud., St. E.
Nov. 22	8:00 a.m.	Tumor Conference, Aud., YHA
Nov. 24	4:00 p.m.	Medical Seminar, "Electrolytes & Fluid Balance in Dialysis," Drs. Bacani & Young, Aud., YHA
Nov. 25	6:00 p.m.	Medical Executive Committee, Coffee Shop, N.U., YHA
Nov. 26	5:00 p.m.	Surgical Lecture Series, Aud., YHA
Nov. 29	8:00 a.m.	Tumor Conference, Nurses Classroom, N.U., YHA
Dec. 2	7:30 p.m.	All Section Meetings, St. E.
	8:30 p.m.	Quarterly Staff Meeting, St. E.
Dec. 3	5:00 p.m.	Surgical Lecture Series, Aud., YHA
Dec. 4	8:00 a.m.	Guest Prof., Pathology, Aud., YHA
	8:00 a.m.	CPC, Aud., St. E.
	9:00 a.m.	Tumor Conference, Aud., St. E.
	1:00 p.m.	V.P., Medicine, Dr. James Leonard, Aud., St. E.
Dec. 6	8:00 a.m.	Tumor Conference, Aud., YHA
Dec. 8	4:00 p.m.	Medical Seminar, "Anxiety Depression: Pharmacologic Approach," Drs. V. T. Wrobel & J. Conti, Aud., YHA
Dec. 10	5:00 p.m.	Surgical Lecture Series, Aud., YHA

TWO FIRMS HELP AUXILIARY PROGRAM

Thanks from both the Auxiliary and the Mahoning County Medical Society are offered to two fine public spirited citizens and to their respective organizations.

Mr. Jerry Menotte, Terminal Manager of the White Star Trucking Co., Inc., arranged for the free hauling of drug samples to Chicago by his company. Mr. Raymond Roach, Sales Manager of Packaging Corp. of America, provided the boxes for packing the drug samples.

They provided much needed help to the Auxiliary in their World Relief program of collecting and distributing drug samples.

*From
the
Bulletin*



THIRTY YEARS AGO — NOVEMBER 1939

President Skipp gave thanks for the observance of the Code of Ethics which had produced such a fine standard of conduct among our members. He wrote "Ethics may be of two kinds, those we practice and those we preach. Our Society has narrowed this distinction to the vanishing point. Rights of brother practitioners are recognized and respected. Innuendoes by action or word of mouth do not lay ground work for malpractice suits. Fee splitting is unknown in the relationship of family doctor and specialist."

Thirty years later let us take care to keep it that way.

In 1875 Dr. Wm. Pepper of the University of Pennsylvania reported the use of blood transfusion in the treatment of pernicious anemia. This is the first recorded transfusion in America. In Rome in 1615 Libavus described how to let the blood flow from the arteries of a healthy youth to someone exhausted in strength "through silver tubes" guided by a master of the art to "drive away all languor". This before Harvey's discovery of the circulation in 1628, which shows that in the seventeenth century transfusion was being tried. Transfusions of sheep's blood produced disastrous results and often that of man to man until Moss published his monumental work on blood groupings in 1910. John Braxton Hicks of version fame used transfusions for obstetrical hemorrhage employing sodium phosphate as an anti-coagulant. Editor Patrick contributed this interesting historical article on transfusions.

In our own hospitals fifty years ago, direct transfusions were given with the Unger of Scannell syringes. It was an operating room procedure with donor and recipient lying side by side on carts with the operator between them. He used a 3-way syringe lubricated with sterile petrolatum. One tube went to the donor, one to a bowl of normal saline and one to the recipient. A needle was inserted into the donor's vein and the blood flowed into the syringe. Then a needle was inserted into the recipient's vein, the 3-way valve on the syringe was turned and the blood was forced into the recipient's vein. The valve was then turned half-way and the syringe was filled with saline which was injected into the recipient. The valve was turned again towards the donor and the syringe filled with blood. A nurse stood by to count the number of syringes full of blood the recipient received. Sometimes it went well and after 15 or 20 syringes full (20 cc. each) the operation was done. No anti-coagulant was used.

Often it did not go well. The recipient's veins were collapsed and by the time the needle was properly in the vein, coagulation had occurred and the syringe was stuck. Syringes were changed frequently because they became clogged even with the use of saline which was intended to prevent that difficulty. It was most terrifying when the recipient suddenly complained of pain in the chest and dyspnea which called for immediate cessation of the operation and supportive measures. Blood typing was done before hand but there was no cross matching, Rh factors were unknown and there were frequent reactions. The writer can recall one case where the donor had been on a binge the night before and the recipient suffered a terrific hangover.

If you want to hear about transfusions in those days just ask Paul Harvey. Even today there are factors in blood we do not know about and thirty years later our successors will laugh about our ignorance.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — NOVEMBER 1949

President McCann urged everyone to support the Community Chest. That is a good idea today.

Health Commissioner Tims was promoting a rat control program. When they closed the city dump all the rats moved into the adjacent neighborhood.

TEN YEARS AGO — NOVEMBER 1959

C. A. Gustafson was honored at the Sixth District Assembly dinner for his faithful service as Councilor for six years.

Angelo Riberi had a leading article on his experience with "Superior Venal Caval Replacement".

Winifred Liu Mutschmann had an informative article on "Pre-Invasive Cervical Cancer and the Schiller Test".

R. L. Jenkins wrote about the role of Mahoning County in the nationwide study by the American Cancer Society.

In a poll of the members, 84.6% of those who replied were in favor of Social Security for Physicians.

There was a bonanza of new members that month. Here are the names:

Active Membership: Ernest Eugene Alvin, Ching Chi Chen, Henry S. Ellison, Curtis J. Fisher, Harry W. Haverland, Allen Howard Holt, John Arthur Hyland, Winifred Liu Mutschmann, Joseph W. Tandatnick, Samuel F. Petraglia, Julius Nemeth. Associate Membership: John Thomas Martin, Nicholas B. Salisian Jr. Active Membership: James Edward Might, Charles Howard Nocchi, Jr., Richard Roland, Joseph H. Sloss, Stanislaus R. Weiss. Non-Resident Membership: S. E. Tochtenhagen. Intern-Resident Membership: Harold John Hassel, John Joseph McCague, Jr., Donald James McSurdy, John Charles Melnick, Nejdatt Mulla, Daniel T. Pompey, Max Jay Spencer.

Donald M. Rothrock and Michael J. Sunday were made Honorary Members in recognition of their outstanding service to the community.

—J. L. F.

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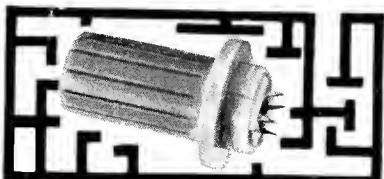
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PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

OCTOBER 14, 1969

The regular meeting of the council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, October 14, 1969, at the Murci Room, Youngstown, Ohio.

The following physicians were present: J. W. Tandatnick, president, presiding; J. J. Anderson, Louis Bloomberg, L. P. Caccamo, D. J. Dallis, G. E. DeCicco, Henry Holden, J. C. Melnick, J. V. Newsome, C. E. Pichette, M. C. Raupple, E. T. Saadi, F. L. Schellhase, Jack Schreiber, Kurt Wegner, L. J. Zehr, S. V. Squicquero, R. A. Wiltsie, Herman Allen and D. A. Belinky. Also present were: Drs. J. H. Bleacher, Edward Kessler and A. N. Pannozzo. Absent were: K. E. Camp, R. R. Fisher, F. A. Friedrich, R. L. Jenkins, R. D. Murray, S. F. Petraglia, Charles Waltner and R. W. Fenton.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Bills were read. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that each bill be paid.

Discussion ensued concerning dues for 1970. The motion was made by Dr. Bloomberg, and properly seconded, that the dues remain the same as for 1969. Motion was passed.

The motion was made by Dr. DeCicco, and properly seconded, that the billing statement be the same as last year, including the OMPAC-AMPAC volunteer billing. Motion was passed.

Dr. Tandatnick gave statistics and costs for a proposed trip to the National Institute of Mental Health Clinical Research Center at Lexington, Kentucky. The trip would be for physicians and students. Following discussion it was decided to look for similar material closer to home.

Dr. Kessler reported for the Health Planning Committee, of which he is chairman. He recommended that the Mahoning County Medical Society support issue #5, the proposed mental health levy. The motion was made by Dr. Wegner, and properly seconded, that the council of the medical society endorse issue #5. Motion was passed.

Dr. Melnick, chairman of the Insurance Committee, along with Dr. Pannozzo, discussed Blue Cross policy of paying for certain hospital services, but not for the same services in the outpatient department nor in the physician's office. Dr. Melnick will write to Blue Cross concerning this.

Dr. Wegner, chairman, reported for the School Health Committee. The committee made three recommendations: (1) Every high school should have a team physician. (2) An athletic examination should not preclude normal medical and health care by the family physician. However, even if the family physician has recently examined the athlete, the team physician should also examine him. (3) A meeting of all team physicians of the Mahoning County Medical Society, along with the School Health Committee and the Athletic Injuries Committee should be held. The motion was made by Dr. Schellhase, and properly seconded, that the report be approved. Motion was passed. Dr. Wegner will, after approval by the Trumbull County Medical Society, include nearby Trumbull County High Schools.

Dr. Wegner and Dr. Bleacher discussed a program for use of Rubella Vaccine. Dr. Wegner had been contacted by the Board of Health, which would make 7000 doses available in Mahoning County. Following discussion, the motion was made by Dr. DeCicco, and properly seconded, that council present to the Mahoning County Medical Society for approval and implementation a program for vaccination in Mahoning County. Motion was passed.

A letter was read from Mr. Ezell L. Armour, Mahoning County Welfare Director, announcing a Medical Review Team to conduct on site inspections of nursing homes. The three man team includes Dr. Ernest Perry.

A letter was read from the Mahoning Valley Health Planning Association

in regard to appointing a member to a sub-committee of the medical services committee. The purpose of the sub-committee is to study and research obstetrical care.

Dr. Herman Allen, representative to the Mahoning Valley Health Planning Association, made a report.

Dr. Tandatnick reminded council members to attend the October 21 meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society.

Meeting was adjourned.

—Howard Rempes

S. Q. LAYPIUS OBSERVES:

If there is any profession or business that should be nationalized (socialized) it is the insurance business.

Insurance today is based on the profit motive. I see nothing wrong with that except the method of making profits ranges from careful elimination of bad risks to pure fraud. By fraud I mean the experienced professional puts clauses in the policy by which the inexperienced buyer will be fooled into buying something from which he will get no return.

What is wrong with careful selection of risks? Nothing at all except that the man who has a wife and four children and a mitral murmur can't get any life insurance. I can imagine Senator Wagner saying "Insurance is not a privilege, it is a Sacred Right! Nationalize Insurance and Everybady will have the Right to be insured!"

The thing that irks me most is the cheap outfit that sells disability insurance by making big promises and loading the policy with exclusions in the fine print. Doctors caring for the sick can spot them every time.

The patient who has been desperately ill with an exacerbation of some chronic ailment which has existed a long time (rheumatic heart disease with failure, Diabetic Coma, Pyloric obstruction from old peptic ulcer, rheumatoid arthritis) comes in trustingly with his forms for me to fill out.

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Those are known as "Evasive Questions." Answer them wrong and the claim will not only be thrown out but the patient will lose his policy.

I have my methods of dealing with those questions. I do not wish to detail them here but if you call me I will tell you. I can say this now: Answer only the questions dealing with the present illness. No insurance company is entitled to a life history and physical examination for a claim for an illness or accident.

Another thing: Advise your patients to insure themselves in a reliable company through a local independent agency. Avoid mail order companies with big promises.

I have some ideas about automobile insurance that I may write about later.

—J. L. F.

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MCMS RECEIVES PR RECOGNITION

Another public relations idea of the Mahoning County Medical Society was given national recognition in the October issue of *PR Doctor*, a publication of the American Medical Association.

The idea is a very basic one—simply the annual collaboration of the Medical Society with the *Vindictor* in presenting the book, *Today's Health Guide* to the top six winners in the *Vindictor's* yearly spelling bee contest.

As the article noted, "The books are good and they make a good impression, so the Medical Society is pleased, the *Vindictor* is pleased, and the recipients are pleased. You can't beat that." The article was illustrated with a photo of two of the recipients.

The Mahoning County Medical Society has been cited by *PR Doctor* perhaps more times than any other medical society in the country. In the January issue, a photo and article appeared showing and describing the medical health tent at the Canfield Fair. In August, 1968, the two MCMS publications, "Closing the Physician's Office," and "Arranging the Physician's Personal and Office Records," were reported.

An illustrated article in the July, 1967, issue commended the Mahoning County Medical Society on its annual participation in the Austintown Fitch Tri-County Science Fair, the annual Scholarship Dinner, and on the successful completion of "Measles Week" immunizations held that year. The November, 1967, issue commended the Mahoning County Medical Society for the presentation of free pamphlet racks and free "fee discussion" plaques to members.

A photo of the Auxiliary's "Health Careers" booth at the Canfield Fair was used in the June, 1965, issue. In an earlier issue, Dr. Jack Schreiber was the subject of a regularly featured column entitled, "Society Stem Winders."

MEMBERS APPROACHING 65

Members and wives are reminded that, three months prior to their 65th birthday, they should apply to the Mahoning County Medical Society for an application card for Blue Cross 65. This will be forwarded to Associated Hospital Service and the Medical Society office will keep a record of the "follow through" procedures.

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MEDICAL ASSISTANTS SOCIETY

The Medical Assistants of Mahoning County met on Tuesday, October 7th at Ivy Hall of St. Elizabeth Hospital to hear Dr. Andrew Detesco discuss "Carcinoma and Its Treatments".

Mrs. Alice Larson, president, presided and nominations for president-elect were taken.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 11th with a tour of the Little Forest Medical Center.

—Grace Brady
Bulletin Reporter

HEALTH DEPARTMENT BULLETIN

SEPTEMBER, 1969

	Resident		Non-Resident		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Births -----	90	119	109	105	423
Deaths -----	78	48	73	45	244
Infant Deaths -----	2	0	1	1	4

	September, 1968		1969		1968
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	
Births -----	99	84	132	124	439
Deaths -----	85	60	63	50	258
Infant Deaths -----	2	4	1	1	8

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES	1969 Cases	1969 Deaths	1968 Cases	1968 Deaths
Viral Encephalitis -----	1	0	0	0
Viral Hepatitis -----	1	0	0	0
Tuberculosis -----	8	0	2	0
Meningitis Non-Infectious -----	1	0	0	0
Aseptic Meningitis -----	0	0	2	0
Gonorrhea -----	0	0	22	0
Syphilis -----	0	0	5	0
Infectious Hepatitis -----	2	0	0	0

VENEREEAL DISEASES

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New Cases -----			
Syphilis -----	31	17	
Gonorrhea -----	0	3	
Total Patients -----			51
Total visits (patients) -----			192

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